



## What?!? That's not legal in Corvallis?!?

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Some things really are different here in Corvallis, including some of the local laws called city ordinances. Violating a city ordinance may result in being stopped by the police, being issued a citation or being arrested and possibly even spending up to one year in jail.

Some restrictions placed on behavior by the Corvallis city ordinances may be different than laws existing in other places you have lived or visited. The citizens of Corvallis have passed these ordinances through the city council to enhance community livability and you are expected to abide by them.

Selected City of Corvallis ordinances are summarized here for general information only. These ordinances are not presented in their entirety. The complete ordinances can be found at the Corvallis Public Library.

**Misdemeanors are punishable by arrest, time in jail and fines. Infractions are punishable by fines only.**

### ☆ ALCOHOL ☆

**Consumption of alcohol or possession of open container of alcohol in public place.** No person shall possess any open container of alcohol or drink alcohol while in or upon any street, sidewalk, alley, public grounds, building, or place open and available to the general public, or while in a motor vehicle on premises open to the public.

**Violation** = C Misdemeanor **Bail** = \$100

**Hosting a party for minors.** No person shall allow anyone under 21 years old to drink alcoholic liquor on property under his or her control.

**Violation** = A Misdemeanor **Bail** = \$1000

## ☆ NOISE ☆

**Unlawful amplified sound.** Playing a sound device (such as a stereo, TV, or radio) which is audible for more than 50 feet from the source of the sound. Applicable 24 hours a day.

**Violation** = C Misdemeanor **Bail** = \$306

**Loud noise.** Making any unreasonably loud, disturbing, or unnecessary noise. Applicable 24 hours a day.

**Violation** = A Infraction **Bail** = \$200

**Special Response Notice.** First police response to a violation of the Corvallis Municipal Code may include a written notice that the activity must cease. Second police response within 30 days arising out of the activity will result in citation, physical arrest, and/or civil fines. A Special Response Fee will be charged to each person deemed liable. Separate fees will be charged for each subsequent police response. The fee is defined as the total cost incurred by the City in connection with such response, including but not limited to, police officers, equipment, dispatch and supervisor time.

**CITATIONS CAN BE GIVEN WITH SRNs ON FIRST CONTACT!**

## ☆ SMOKING ☆

**Tobacco.** Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed public places, including (but not limited to) publicly owned buildings, bars, restaurants, restrooms, retail stores, sports arenas, health care facilities, school buildings and common areas of residential facilities.

Smoking is prohibited within ten feet of any entrance of any enclosed area where smoking is prohibited. Smoking is also prohibited in any line of people waiting for service, indoors or outdoors or within ten feet of any service line. (Example: standing in line outside a bar or theater)

Smoking is not regulated in private residences (unless it is used as a child care, adult day care or health care facility) or in retail tobacco stores.

Every public place where smoking is prohibited shall have a sign at every entrance stating that smoking is prohibited.

**Violation** = B Infraction **Bail** = \$100

## ☆ SKATING ☆

**Skates.** “Skates” are roller skates, in-line skates, blades, skateboards, scooters, coasters, roller skis or any similar device used as a means of transportation. Skating is allowed on public streets and private property where the owner or person in charge has consented. Skating is permitted on sidewalks, except as posted areas downtown and along Monroe Avenue.

Operators of skates are subject to all laws and provisions of the State and City codes applicable to the operation of bicycles. They include (but not limited to):

- 1) Required during darkness: a white light to the front and a red reflector or light to the rear.
- 2) Traffic control devices such as traffic signals and signs shall be obeyed at all times.
- 3) Careless operation is prohibited.

**Helmets are required on all persons under 16 years of age when skating.**

**Violation** = D Infraction **Bail** = \$50 - \$150

## ☆ GENERAL ☆

**Violent Conduct.** No person shall intentionally cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm or recklessly create a risk thereof by engaging in fighting or behaving in a violent, tumultuous, or threatening manner.

**Violation** = B Misdemeanor **Bail** = \$500

**Posting of handbills.** No person, except a public employee in the performance of a public duty, shall post any handbill or advertisement upon any public property, public place, utility pole or vehicle.

**Violation** = A and B Infractions **Bail** = \$50 - \$100

**Human Waste.** No person shall deposit any human waste on property open to or visible by the public.

**Violation** = A Infraction **Bail** = \$150

**Playing in street.** No person shall play a game of football, baseball, cricket, or any games or activities of like nature on any street.

**Violation** = B Infraction **Bail** = \$50

**Unfortunately, sometimes bad things do happen here. Take steps to protect yourself.**

- 👉 Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- 👉 When traveling on foot, travel in groups of two or more people.
- 👉 Park close to your destination and where it is well-lit at night.
- 👉 Always lock your car and do not leave valuables in it. Always lock your bicycle.
- 👉 Record the serial number of your bicycle and other valuables.

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## EMERGENCIES CALL 9-1-1

### CORVALLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

180 NW 5<sup>th</sup> St  
Corvallis, OR 97330

541-766-6924 General Business: Monday - Friday 8AM-5PM  
541-766-6911 Non-Emergency Service Weekends & After 5 PM

### OSU OREGON STATE POLICE/CAMPUS SECURITY

541-737-3010 Campus Specific Information

**PLEASE, DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE**